

Membership Balance Plan
National Security Education Board

Agency: Department of Defense (DoD)

1. Authority: The Secretary of Defense, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. § 1903(a) and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.50(a), established the National Security Education Board (“the Board”), a non-discretionary advisory committee.
2. Mission/Function: Pursuant to 50 U.S.C. § 1902(a)(3), the Board shall consult on the National Security Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants Program (“the Program”) as described in more detail in 50 U.S.C. Ch. 37 and shall perform the functions listed in 50 U.S.C. § 1903(d).
3. Points of View: Pursuant to 50 U.S.C. § 1903(b), the Board is composed of 14 members.

The following individuals or the representatives of such individuals:

- a. The Secretary of Defense, who shall serve as the Chair of the Board.
- b. The Secretary of Education.
- c. The Secretary of State.
- d. The Secretary of Commerce.
- e. The Secretary of Homeland Security.
- f. The Secretary of Energy.
- g. The Director of National Intelligence.
- h. The Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- i. Six individuals appointed by the President, who shall be experts in the fields of international, language, area, and counter-proliferation studies education and who may not be officers or employees of the Federal Government.

Each Board member, based upon his or her individual and professional experiences, provides his or her best judgment on the matters before the Board, and he or she does so without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. Board members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 3109 to serve as special government employee (SGE) members. Those who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees shall be appointed pursuant to 41 C.F.R. § 102-3.130(a) to serve as regular government employee (RGE) members. The DoD unless otherwise required by statute or Presidential directive, does not use representative members on DoD established or supported advisory committees.

4. Other Balance Factors: None.
5. Candidate Identification Process: Members of the Board appointed by the President shall be appointed for a period specified by the President at the time of their appointment, but not to exceed four years. Representatives from the other Executive Branch Departments and Agencies are selected according to the policies and procedures of their respective Departments and Agencies.

Following the President’s appointments, the candidates are required to complete the necessary appointment paperwork, to include meeting ethics requirements stipulated by the Office of Government Ethics for advisory committee members.

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Membership vacancies for the Board will be filled in the same manner as described in the previous two paragraphs.

6. Subcommittee Balance: The DoD has determined that subcommittees will not be authorized for this Board.
7. Other: As nominees are considered for appointment to the Board, the DoD adheres to the Office of Management and Budget's Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Committees, Boards, and Commissions (79 F.R. 27482; August 13, 2014) and the rules and regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics.
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